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Historic Preservation Commission

May 10, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Annapolis was held on May 10, 2011 in the City Council Chamber. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:32p.m.

Commissioners Present: **Chair Kennedy, Vice Chair Bunting, Gallitano, Zeno, Leahy, Finch**

Commissioners Absent: Rentsch

Staff Present: L. Craig, Historic Preservation Officer

Consultants Absent: J. Halpern, Architectural Consultant, T. Bodor, Archaeological Consultant

Chair Kennedy introduced the commissioners and staff. She stated the Commission's purpose pursuant to the Authority of Article 66B, Section 8.01-8.17 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and administered the oath en masse to all persons intending to testify at the hearing.

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 8, April 12 and April 28, 2011

Mr. Gallitano moved approval of the February 8, April 12 and April 28, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Bunting seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

D. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Craig reminded those present that the registration for the Annual Historic Preservation Revitalization Conference is still open and anyone interested can register online.

E. **VIOLATIONS**

There were no violations reported.

F. **CONSENT DOCKET**

There were no projects placed on the consent docket.

G. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

There was no administrative business.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. City Dock/Harbormasters Building, Newman Street Park, 37 West Street – City of Annapolis/Artwalk – Request for extension of time to continue the Art in Public Places exhibits in situ.

Ms. Glover, Art in Public Places Commission (AIPPC) Member, explained that once the Artwalk art pieces were completed, they became the property of the City of Annapolis. She noted that the Commission is charged with maintenance and uninstalling the pieces if necessary. Three of the Artwalk art pieces are located in the historic district and is under the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) jurisdiction. She further explained that the original application was approved to allow the artwork to be hung for three years and the three years have now expired. She asked the HPC to consider allowing the artwork to be exhibited for an indefinite period of time since it is still popular with the residents but also asked that the AIPPC be given the flexibility to make a decision on each piece individually based on the deterioration status.

Mr. Charles Walsh, Artwalk, provided a brief background on the Artwalk/City of Annapolis artwork hanging at the three historic district locations. He explained that the artwork has held up very well and the historic district has been enhanced as result of it. He therefore supports Ms. Glover's request for an indefinite extension for the exhibit as the HPC deem appropriate.

Staff: Ms. Craig restated her written comments and recommends conditional approval of the application subject to a three year time extension with an annual April inspection of the three pieces as well as an allowance for the owner to remove the art based on its determination of the deterioration condition.

Public: There were no comments from the public on the application.

Commissioners: A majority of the Commission agreed to support a review of the art pieces every three years.

Mr. Bunting moved to approve the City of Annapolis Dock/Harbormasters Building, Newman Street Park, 37 West Street artwork as amended to extend the HPC Certificate of Approval #H0707 to June 2014. Ms. Zeno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

It was noted that the following staff members made a visit to the site: Chair Kennedy, Mr. Bunting, Mr. Leahy and Ms. Zeno.

The following exhibits were presented at the hearing.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Types
A	HPC Application for ArtWalk/City of Annapolis dated April 14, 2011
B	Written Comments of Staff, Consultants and Other Reviewing Agencies dated April 28, 2011
C	Recommendations for Extension of the HPC Approval of the Artwalk Exhibit
D	Artwalk Brochure

2. 26 Franklin Street – Douglas & Townsend McNitt – Modifications to existing approval to include:

It was noted that the following staff members made a visit to the site: Chair Kennedy, Mr. Gallitano, Ms. Zeno and Mr. Leahy.

Mr. McNitt clarified that this application was previously submitted to the Commission in 2009 and 2010 for site plan and construction approval as well as fence/gate approval. During the process of submitting the construction documents for permit approval, he was alerted that the Commission may not have properly approved the tree removal in the rear of the property. He has since met with Ms. Craig and other City staff to identify whether there were any objections to the current application and to address any concerns raised. He went over his responses to the concerns raised by staff and the Commission.

Staff: Ms. Craig restated her written comments and recommends conditional approval of the application subject to the applicant preserving the brick walk.

Public: There were no comments from the public on the application.

Commissioners: A majority of the HPC support the applicant proposal for the brick walk and the relocation of the Willow Oak. It was noted that the white pines tree removal is necessary due to their current deteriorated state.

The following exhibits were presented at the hearing.

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A	HPC Application for 26 Franklin Street dated April 14, 2011
B	Written Comments of Staff, Consultants and Other Reviewing Agencies April 28, 2011
C	Supplemental Information – Tree Removal Note, Photographs dated May 10, 2011

Mr. Bunting moved to approve the application for 26 Franklin Street as amended to eliminate the Willow Oak at the end of the driveway at Franklin Street and the balance of the application is in substantial compliance to HPC guidelines C.1 and C.9 and further stipulated that the applicant complies with items 4, 6, and 7 as outlined in the staff report. Mr. Gallitano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

With there being no further business, Mr. Bunting moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Ms. Zeno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

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